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FROM ENVOY WALTERS

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TAGS: PEPR, PL, VT

SUBJ: VATICAN/POLAND - POSSIBLE VATICAN REPRESENTATION IN WARSAW

REF: WARSAW 4105

1. NUNCIO-AT-LARGE LUIGI POGGI, EXPECTS TO DEPART MAY 23
FOR WARSAW TO CONDUCT CONVERSATIONS WITH POLISH GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS (GOP) ON CHURCH/STATE ISSUES.

2. VATICAN OFFICIAL CHARACTERIZES VISIT AS ROUTINE TO
FULFILL REQUIREMENT OF "PERMANENT CONTACTS" WITH GOP.
MONSIGNOR POGGI IS EXPECTED TO STAY SOME THREE WEEKS AND
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THEN RETURN TO ROME.

3. ACCORDING TO WELL INFORMED VATICAN SOURCE, IT HAS NOT
YET BEEN DECIDED WHEN OR IN WHAT CAPACITY POGGI WILL BE
ESTABLISHED PERMANENTLY IN WARSAW. WHILE MONSIGNOR POGGI
IS REPORTEDLY STILL "DREAMING" OF GOING TO WARSAW AS
PAPAL NUNCIO, MOST OF OUR VATICAN CONTACTS BELIEVE THAT

IT IS MORE LIKELY THAT SOMETIME DURING 1978 HE WILL BE NOMINATED AS APOSTOLIC DELEGATE TO THE POLISH CHURCH AND AS SPECIAL ENVOY TO THE GOP.

4. CARDINAL WYSZYSKI, WE ARE TOLD, IS STILL WAVERING ON THE QUESTION OF A VATICAN REPRESENTATION IN WARSAW. BUT IS THOUGHT LIKELY TO APPROVE THE "APOSTOLIC DELEGATE CUM SPECIAL ENVOY" FORMULA IF PRESSED BY THE POPE. MEANWHILE, WORK ON REFURBISHING OF THE NUNCIATURE BUILDING IN WARSAW, WHICH IS CURRENTLY BEING USED BY THE POLISH EPISCOPATE, IS REPORTEDLY PROGRESSING "SLOWLY." GARDNER

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